

Entertainment.



FAREWELL CONCERT,

BY
WEST YORKSHIRE REGIMENT
(P.W.O.) BAND,
(Assisted by the PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY
ORCHESTRA),

TO-NIGHT, 23rd December,
at 9.15 p.m.

PART I.
1. First March, "Tannhäuser"....Wagner.
Band and Orchestra.
2. Overture, "Maritana"....Wallace.
3. Reed Quintette.
(a) Triumphant....Schumann.
(b) Minuet from XII Symphony, Haydn.
Flute Corral Harper, Clarionet, Corporal Sabourne, Serjeant and Aslan; Bassoon, Musician Wheeler.

4. Oboe Solo ("Serenade")....Ricke.
MUSICIAN QUADRILLE.

5. Selections, "Faust"....Gounod.

INTERVAL.

1. Largo.....Handel.
BAND, ORCHESTRA AND ORGAN.

Violin Obligato, M. A. Girard; Organist—Mr. G. Grindell.

2. Reminiscences of Bellini....F. Godfrey.

3. Brass Quartette.

(a) Farewell to the Forest....Mendelssohn.

(b) The Huntsman's Farewell....Cormes.

Cornets—Musicians Haley and Seaborne.

Baritone—Musician Good.

Euphonium—Musician Brown.

4. Clarinet Solo—Romances in F. (Transcription) by W. G. Bentley....Beethoven.

Mr. W. G. Bentley, A.R.C.M.

5. Grand National Fantasy....W.G. Bentley.

God save the Queen.

Seats (82 & 81), may be Booked at

Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s or after

THURSDAY, 16th Instant.

Proceeds to be devoted to Local Charities.

Hongkong, December 23, 1897. 2445

AUCTIONS.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

No. 550.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of SALE of CROWN LAND by Public Auction to be held on the Spot, on WEDNESDAY DAY, the 27th instant, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

RACES: 800 and 900 Yards.

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A. CHAPMAN,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2516

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Particulars of the Lot.

THE E Q U I T A B L E LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 1st, 1897.

Assets £45,161,239

Reserve Fund (4% Standard)

£36,145,160

Liquidities £4,316,078

Surplus 4%

£190,646,264

Outstanding Assurance £190,646,264

New Assurance written, 1896 £26,692,924

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THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirteenth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above COMPANY will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the COMPANY, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on FRIDAY, the 31st day of December, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Manager, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th November, 1897.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th to 31st instant, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2400

POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBITION during the CHRISTMAS SEASON. Commencing TO-DAY (MONDAY), 20th December, 1897.

The attention of Collectors and others is specially directed to the EXHIBITION OF POSTAGE STAMPS of all kinds, at the Stall of Messrs. GRACE & CO., HONGKONG HOTEL COURRIER.

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LEVY HERMANOS, Hongkong, December 14, 1897. 2433

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TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination	Vessel	Agents	Date of Leaving.
Australian Ports	Tokio Maru (s.)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
Australian Ports	Taiyuan (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 28, at 3 p.m.
Bremen & Ports of Gal	Prinz Heinrich (s.)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Dec. 5, at 9 a.m.
London & Ports of Gai	Myrmidon (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	January 4.
London	Malacca (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 30, at noon.
Marsailles	Peg (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Jan. 1.
Marsailles v. Saigon	Salazia (s.)	Messageries Maritime	Jan. 6, at noon.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Y ma	Resetta (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Dec. 31, at noon.
New York, v. Suze Canal	Yarrowdale (s.)	Dowell, Carlill & Co.	About Dec. 25.
Odessa	Sik (s.)	Melchers & Co.	Quick despatch.
Portland, Oregon, &c.	Mogul (s.)	Dowell, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 1, at noon.
San Francisco	Oplop (s.)	Slewan, Tomes & Co.	Quick despatch.
St. Francisco, v. Japan	City of Rio de Janeiro (s.)	Oplop (s.)	Dec. 28, at 4 p.m.
Seattle, Washington	Riojunk Maru (s.)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 30, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Kingsing (s.)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	December 24, at 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Thames (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Dec. 26.
Shai, Chonchou, & S.	Sagami Maru (s.)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 29, at 4 p.m.
Shai, N'ki, K'be, Y'm, Ooyin (s.)	Watanabe Maru (s.)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 30, at noon.
S'pore, Col'bo & B'bay	Idzumi Maru (s.)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
S'pore, Ponang & Ott	Ssang (s.)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 29, at noon.
S'pore, Strang & S'baya	Hinsang (s.)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 29, at noon.
S'wato, Amoy & T'au Haifong (s.)	Tam (s.)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Dec. 26, at 2 p.m.
Tacoma (Wash.), &c.	Columbia (s.)	Dowell, Carlill & Co.	Jan. 11, at noon.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c.	Empress of China (

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1897.

THE CHINA MAIL.

The British steamer *Namayang*, which arrived to-day from Singapore, reports having passed a damaged Wenchow junk at anchor yesterday, in lat 10° 35' N., long. 114° 02' E. The crew refused to leave her, but wanted to be towed to Hongkong.

The Times of *Ceylon* of the 7th inst. says—
H.M.S. *Powful* which had been expected here for some time past, arrived at 2 p.m. to-day, and moored near the entrance to the harbour. The *Powful* is a magnificent vessel and the largest war-ship that has ever entered the harbour. Her arrival preceded that of the first German war-ship to touch at Colombo in connection with the strengthening of that power's forces in the Far East—consequent on the seizure of Kiaochau—by an hour only; and the *Katerina Augusta*, on entering the harbour, exchanged salutes with the battery, and subsequently several international visits were paid. Prince Henry of Prussia, who is to be in command of the New German Squadron at the China Station, is coming out by the *Gismon* due here early next month.

A coolie in the employment of Lieutenant Ingpen, West Yorkshire Regiment, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment, at the Magistrate to-day, for stealing three military blankets and a waterproof sheet.

A company of the West Yorkshire Regiment went into camp on 2d inst. at Stanley. The baggage had been conveyed from Hongkong in a junk and was stacked on the ground. After the tents were pitched each man obtained his bedding from the heap, and a private reported to Captain Price that his blankets and waterproof sheet were missing. A search was instituted amongst the tents, but without result. On Monday, when camp was struck Lieutenant Ingpen observed the missing bundle lying outside the coolie quarters, and as the result of inquiries made it was found that his coolie had been using the blankets during the camp.

Mrs Isabella Bishop opened the present Session of the Royal (Edinburgh) Geographical Society by giving an address on "The Chinese Far West," in the School Hall of Edinburgh, on 10th Nov. The Marquis of Lothian presided. Mrs Bishop recounted her experiences in Szechuan, which have already found a place in these columns.

Lady Fawell Phillips had had another presentation. The official staff of the Mansion House in saying *au revoir* to her asked her acceptance of a gold cigarette case, with ruby clasp. Her ladyship, who occasionally indulges in cigarette smoking, seemed much touched by this evidence of the feeling entertained for her by the staff.

According to a native paper the captain of a British man-of-war, which anchored lately off Weihaiwei, despatched a letter to the Taotai asking that the commander of the forts there should allow British officers to inspect them, and further to permit Great Britain to use the parade ground inside the forts as a drill ground for British dragoons. The story is one that should be rather told to the marines.—*China Gazette*.

Sir John Bramston, senior Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, who has retired from the service, was, on the 12th Nov., entertained at a farewell dinner at the Hotel Windsor by a number of his past and present colleagues in the Colonial Office. Sir John, who was knighted on the occasion of the Queen's Jubilee, entered the Colonial service in 1855, and after filling various offices in Queensland and Hongkong, became Under-Secretary of State in 1874.

At the Fifty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company held on the 10th December, the Directors, after providing for the usual dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the Prefer'd Stock, recommended a dividend on the Deferred Stock of 5 per cent. for the six months, and a bonus of 3% making with the interim dividend of 3% per cent. paid in June, a total distribution on the Deferred Stock of 13 per cent. for the year.

THE PINNACLE ROCK FUND.
Letters on this subject had been despatched to the Commodore and the British Consuls and the Commissioners of I. M. Customs at Canton, Hainan, Pahko, Amoy, Foochow, Wenchow, Ningpo, and Shanghai, and replies were read from.

Commissioner's Secretary, enclosing letter from Admiral Sir A. Buller, in which the means of making known the existence of the Fund proposed by the Chamber (viz., through H. M. Consuls), is also suggested, and H. E. proposes that the award should range from £50 to £100.

A Sr. Petersburg correspondent telegraphs:—I understand that the Minister of Marine has ordered eleven vessels belonging to the Black Sea Squadron to be held ready, in a full-equipped state. These ships are the first-class battleships Catherine II., Tscherni, Georg Pobedonostsev (George the Victorious), and Tria Svetovidica (Three Saints); the torpedo gunboat Captain Saken, Grizen Kurzak; the training-ship *Prins D'Orsay*, and *Borodin*; and the transport *Gonec*. From the circumstances of this order being given one can easily judge that Russia regards affairs in the East as afford it no room for tranquillity.

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ATTACK ON MAT SALLEH. REPULSE OF THE NORTH BORNEO EXPEDITION.

ADJUTANT JONES KILLED.
(Special Telegram From Our Own Correspondent.)

SINGAPORE, Dec. 23, 3.35 p.m.
The expedition of British North Borneo police, which was sent out to capture the rebel Mat Salleh, under the command of Adjutant Jones, on the 13th instant, made an attack upon the fort where Mat Salleh has installed himself. The attack was repulsed.

Adjutant Jones and six Sikh policemen were killed and seven men wounded.

The expedition was accompanied by Messrs G. Hewett, G. Ormsby, and P. F. Wise, Magistrates in charge. Mr. Hewett has been obliged to return seriously ill.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL"]

LONDON, 21st December, 1897.

THE CUBAN INSURRECTION.—EXECUTION OF A SPANISH OFFICER.

Colonel Ruiz, General Blanco's A.D.C., who was sent to the Cuban insurgent camp to negotiate peace, was shot after a travesty of a court-martial:

GERMANY AND RUSSIA IN CHINA.
The German Foreign Office professes not to be surprised at the occupation of Port Arthur by Russia, and regards it as of no aggressive significance and as not clashing with Germany's interests.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notice is issued from the Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 11.30 a.m. Barometric changes are slight. The high pressure area over China, extends now also to Japan. Gradients moderate on the coast, rather steep in the China Sea. Forecast—fresh N.E. winds; fair. Very strong monsoon in the N. part of the China Sea.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, held at 3 p.m. on Friday, the 17th December. Present: Messrs R. M. Gray (Chairman), Herbert Smith (*Vice-Chairman*), N. J. Ede, T. Jackson, N. A. Sibley, T. H. Whitehead, and R. C. Wilcox (*Secretary*)—

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting (held 19th November) were read and confirmed.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. W. F. Wrenson was elected to Membership of the Chamber.

PIERS AND WILAWAIS COMMITTEE.

A letter was received on the 20th Nov. from the Government asking the Chamber to nominate a representative to serve on the Committee it was then proposed to appoint to consider and report on the position and arrangement of Government Piers, and Mr. N. J. Ede was unanimously nominated to represent the Chamber.

HONGKONG'S CONTRIBUTION TO POSTAL SUBSIDY.

Read letter from Postmaster General, dated 25th Nov., forwarding copy of the report of the General Post Office to the request by the Piers Sub-Committee to know the weight of mail matter sent to the government derived by each of the following Governments—the Imperial, the Indian, and each of the various Colonial Governments—from mail matter carried by the P. & O. S. N. Co. under the subsidy contract with the British Government for the year ended the 31st March, 1897, rejecting inability to supply the desired information.

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INTERFERENCE WITH A BRITISH MERCHANT IN KWANGSI. ACTION BY THE HONGKONG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

In the minutes of the monthly meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, reference is made to a case of Chinese official interference with Mr. F. W. Watts in North Kwangsi. We publish below the correspondence bearing on the subject:—

MR. WATTS TO THE CHAMBER.
1 Victoria View,
Kowloon, 30th Nov., 1897.

The Secretary, the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sir,—I shall be greatly obliged if you will bring the following facts to the notice of your Committee.

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" " 6 " 6%
" " 3 " 2½%
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, June 2, 1897. 846

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 1, 1896. 1615

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PAID-UP CAPITAL \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND 5,700,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$10,000,000.

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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 3½ "
" 12 " 4 "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, November 8, 1897. 368

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL £824,374.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Chief Manager.

G. W. F. PLAYFARE.
Interest for 12 months Fixed 5%.
Hongkong, November 30, 1897. 171

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL £1,50,000.
SUBSCRIBED £1,25,000.
PAID UP £62,500.
RESERVE FUND £ 10,000.

BANKERS:—
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

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For 12 Months 4%
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" 3 " 2½%

J. THURSBURN,
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Hongkong, December 1, 1897. 2340

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XMAS AND NEW YEAR CARDS IN Various Designs. CADBURY'S CHOCOLATE CREMES in Fancy Boxes of Various Sizes.

CALIBRD & BOWLER'S ASSORTED TOFFEES AND BUTTER SCOTCH, TOM SMITH'S AND BATTEN'S XMAS CRACKERS, COMPAONEE FRANC'S FANCY SWEETS of Various Kinds.

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FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE AND HAMBURG.
(Taking cargo at through rates to ANTWERP, AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM, LISBON, OPORTO, LONDON, LIVERPOOL AND BREMEN.)

The Steamship Bellona, Captain E. von BINZER, will be despatched for the above Port to-morrow, the 24th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2379

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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP LAOS.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo from London and Havre, ex S.S. Ortegal, and from BORDEAUX, ex S.S. Ville de Marseille, Frederic Morel, Verbiermont and Ville de Cotte, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure, and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 5 p.m., to-day (WEDNESDAY), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after TUESDAY, the 2nd January, at noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before TUESDAY, the 4th January, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on TUESDAY, the 28th December, at 3 p.m. No fire insurance has been effected.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 15, 1897. 2447

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR ODESSA.

(C. Using at SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & PORT SAID, and taking through for ALEXANDRIA, SMYRNA, BEIRUT, &c.)

The Rus. Volunteer S.R. Nizhni Novgorod, due here about the 26th instant, will load here as above and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2512

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

FOR NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Steamship Suez, Capt. Young, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 24th instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 20, 1897. 2486

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Co.'s S.S. Chusan having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all claims must be sent in to the Office of the undersigned before NOON, on the 25th instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 25th instant, at 3 p.m.

No fire insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

HOLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 18, 1897. 2477

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Swisso having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk, into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

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Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2406

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Co.'s Steamship Taiyuan, Captain Nelson, will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 p.m.

The attention of Passengers is directed to Superior Accommodation offered by this Steamer. First-class Saloon is situated forward of the Engine-room. A Refreshing Chamber ensures the supply of fresh Provisions during the entire voyage. A duly-qualified Surgeon is on board, and the Vessel is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

N.B.—Return Tickets issued by this Company to and from Australia are available for Return by Steamers of the Eastern and Australian S. S. Co., and vice versa.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1897. 2457

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Cargo remaining undelivered after the 25th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 22, 1897. 2406

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

INDO-CHINA STEAM

HONGKONG MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Saturday, December 18, 1897.

At 100/- Cash per Dollar Mexican.

Pence
Chinese Name.

Gros. Groat.

Ounces.

Butcher Meat.

肉食

Bacon, English,	15	-
Ame. Sugar-cured	300	-
Fooshew,	240	-
Japan, cured	—	-
Beef sirloin & prime cut, catty	110	-
Corned,	catty	140
Roast,	"	130
Soup,	"	110
Steak,	"	120
Bullock's Brains,	per set	60
Tongue fresh, each	50	-
" corned	310	-
Head,	"	500
Hock,	"	150
Bump, Salt catty	140	-
F.	each	60
Kidneys,	"	50
Tail,	"	100
Liver,	catty	70
Tripe (undressed) catty	50	-
Calves Head and Feet, set	500	-
Hams, American,	lb.	360
Chinese,	"	260
English, New,	"	460
Japan, cured,	"	240
Shanghai,	"	240
Mutton Chop,	"	190
Leg,	"	190
Shoulder,	"	150
Pig's Chittlings,	catty	70
Feet,	"	110
Fry,	"	160
Blood,	each	500
Heart,	"	50
Kidneys,	pair	70
Liver,	lb.	160
Pork, Chop,	catty	190
Corned,	"	330
Leg,	"	190
Fat or Lard,	"	180
Asleep's Head and Feet, set	350	-
Heart,	each	50
Kidneys,	"	70
Liver,	lb.	160
Suckling Pigs,	each	\$1.75 \$1.25
Bust, Beef,	lb.	100
Mutton,	"	110
Veal,	catty	130
Poultry.		
Chicken,	catty	220
Capon,	"	250
Ducks,	each	170
Dove,	doz.	120
Eggs, Hen	"	120
Duck,	"	110
Powls,	catty	180
Geese,	"	190
Hares,	each	400
Musk Deer,	"	2.50
Partridges,	"	300
Pigeons,	"	2.00
Pheasant,	brown	800
Rich Birds,	doz.	—
Quail,	each	110
Snipe,	"	140
Turkey, Cook,	catty	430
" Hat,	"	820
Teal,	each	980
Wild Ducks,	pair	7.0
Fish.		
Barbel,	catty	140
Bream,	"	80
Bombay Dace,	pieces	400
Giant Fresh Water Fish, catty	160	-
Carp,	"	100
Catfish,	"	80
Codfish, Salt,	"	150
Crab,	"	100
Cattle Fish,	"	100
Dab,	"	100
Dace,	"	80
Dog Fish,	"	—
Eels, Conger,	"	—
Fresh water,	"	200
Eels, Yellow,	"	180
Frog Fish,	"	250
Fresh Fish,	"	110
Garoupa,	"	200
Gudgeon,	"	90
Gymnophthalmus,	"	80
Herring,	"	10
Smoked	box	—
Hilbert,	catty	100
Lahru,	"	100
Linch,	"	140
Lobster,	"	170
Mackerel,	"	—
Mullet,	"	180
Oysters,	"	100
Prawns,	"	100
Perch,	"	100
Salmon,	"	100
Shark,	"	100
Shrimps,	"	220
Ray,	"	50
Rock Fish,	"	90
Rosch,	"	100
Salmon, (Canton),	"	101
Shark,	"	50
Salt Fish,	"	100
Skate,	"	50
Shrimps,	"	170
Snapper,	"	130
Soles,	"	110
Tench,	"	120
Turbot,	"	120
Turtles, small, fresh water,	"	350
Whiting,	catty	70
White Bait,	"	90
Fruits.		
Apples, (California),	catty	250
" (Clentain),	"	—
" (Japan),	"	—
Bananas, fragrant,	"	50
" (brides),	"	30
Chestnuts, Chinese,	"	100
Carambola,	"	—
Cocoanuts,	each	70
Ground Nuts,	catty	50
Grapes,	"	300
Lemons, China,	"	60
" Peel,	"	—
Lichoca, Dried,	"	450
" Fresh,	"	—
Limes,	"	—
Mango, (Saigon),	each	—
" (Manila),	"	—
Mangosteens,	dozen	—
Oranges, Sweet,	catty	10
" Green,	"	—
" Red,	"	30
" Cuchi,	"	20
Olives,	"	100
Pine-apples,	each	50
Pears,	catty	—
" (Tientsin),	"	150
Plum, Red,	"	—
Pumelo,	each	120
" (Siam),	catty	50
Raisins, Muscatel,	"	—
Pudding,	"	—
Water Chestnuts, com.	"	40
Mandarin,	"	50
Walnuts,	"	14
Vegetables, &c.		
Artichokes, Shanghai,	catty	50
Beans, (French),	"	150
" Long,	"	—
Beet Root,	each	20
Brinjals, Green,	catty	30
" Rod,	"	60
Broad Beans,	"	20
Bamboo Shoots,	"	—
Cabbage, Chinese com.	"	30
Cabbage,	each	60
Cauliflower,	"	140
Carrots,	catty	60
Galery, Chinese,	"	60
" English,	"	80
Ghilles Dried,	"	160
" Red,	"	90
Curry Stuff, English,	"	40
Cucumbers,	"	80
Bitter Squash,	"	—
Garlic,	"	60
Ginger, Young,	"	60
Horse Radish, Shat,	"	130
Indian Corn,	bunch	50
Lettuce, (English),	each	10
Mushrooms, Fresh,	catty	—
Onions, Bombay,	"	70
" Green,	"	30
" Shanghai,	"	—
" Japan,	"	50
Okra,	"	—
Parsley, English,	bundle	10
Potatoes, Sweet,	catty	50
" Shanghai,	"	—
" Japan,	"	20
" American,	"	—
Poochow,	"	10
" Macao,	"	50
Pumpkin,	"	20
Purains,	"	5
Papaw,	"	25
Radish,	catty	20
Rice, best quality, per poun,	"	45.50
" Common	"	44.50
Salsify,	catty	50
Spinach, (Chinese)	"	—
Spinach,	"	30
Snake Root,	"	40
Tomatoes,	"	60
Taro,	"	50
Turnips, Panti, (Long),	"	30
Vegetable Marrow,	"	—
" (Long),	"	40
Water Cress,	"	70
ALEXANDER WATSON, General Importer of Produce.		

AT THE FALL OF THE LEAVES.

Why do the leaves fall? "Bless me," I don't know! "I suppose it's because it is one of nature's arrangements."

Precisely; but why did nature so arrange? What is the meaning of denuded branches, withered flowers, daylight fading in mid-afternoon, and winter's cold and desolation? When you find out why the leaves fall you will have solved one of nature's deepest secrets.

Suppose we try an easier problem. Why should Mr. William Steel have written such a sentence as this? "At the fall of the leaf every year I get into such a state that I look no picce."

No doubt there are moods so highly strung as to feel the influence of outward conditions, changes of the weather and the seasons, and so on. But this is not for practical purposes; there might be more. One day Mr. Steel, happily for him, was not one of them. All the same he was a miserable man every time the leaves began to fall on the ground.

Here's the way he puts it: "At the fall of the leaf every year I feel laugher, tired and weary, and took no pleasure in anything. My appetite was poor, and after everything I ate I had pain and fulness at the chest and sides. Then there was a kind of pain in the pit of the stomach, which nothing could relieve."

Now this sort of thing would spoil a man's pleasure any time of year, but the oddity in Mr. Steel's case is that it always came with what you may call nature's bedfellow.

After a few months, he says, "the pain and distress would be easier for a while, but an autumn approached I became as bad as ever. In September 1895, I had an unusually bad time. It is, I confess, a moment of great difficulty to say exactly what was wrong. I was unable to stand on my legs. Every few hours I had to be put down by a doctor attending me. He relieved me a little, but somehow he didn't succeed in getting to the bottom of my ailment."

That may be, but it doesn't quite follow that the doctor was in the dark as to Mr. Steel's ailment. He might have understood it right enough, yet failed to cure it because he had to remedy it for a man who was not fit to be cured.

The trouble, S. S., is that he can't tell us what the pain is like. Still, the reader may ask, what's the good of knowing the nature of a complaint if we possess no medicine to cure it? There you have us; no use to be, to be sure.

Well, Mr. Steel goes on to say: "For some time I continued very feeble, and was hardly able to walk across the floor. If I to a short walk I felt tired and done up. I didn't know where to put myself. This was year after year for me."

Finally, I read about the popular medicine called Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and made up my mind to try it. So I began and kept on with it for some time. The result was that the pain left me, and my appetite waked up, and my food tasted good and digested well; and presently I was strong and hearty as ever. That was three years ago, and the trouble has never returned." (Signed) William Steel, 10, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

After reading Mr. Steel's account, I am inclined to believe that Mother Seigel's Syrup will cure it no matter when it comes on.

CHESS COLUMN.
CONDUCTED BY BLACK-BISHOP.

Communications should be addressed to CHESS CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

Original Problems should be accompanied by Solution and Analysis.

The Hongkong Chess Club meets every Monday, Thursday and Friday from four till half past seven p.m. at the Public Library, 18 Bank Buildings.

Problem No. 73.
The Christmas Tree.
By W. F. HARISON (S. Australia).

Black (7 Pieces).

24th to 30th December.

HONGKONG.

LOW WATER.

Hongkong Time.

Hongkong Height.

Hongkong Time.

